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SUBJ: REPORTED SEC INVESTIGATION OF "E-SYSTEMS INC" PAYMENTS
TO KOREANS: VISIT OF E-SYSTEMS PRESIDENT TO SWITZERLAND

1. INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE OF JAN 31 CARRIED ARTICLE
BY SCOTT ARMSTRONG AND R. BABCOCK DATELINED WASHINGTON
JAN 30 (WP) WHICH STATES THAT SEC HAS EVIDENCE THAT
E-SYSTEMS PAID MORE THAN DOLS 1.3 MILLION TO "KOREAN
RESEARCH INSTITUTE," WHICH IN TURN USED MONEY TO BRIBE
US CONGRESSMEN AND OTHER US OFFICIALS.

2. E-SYSTEMS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND PRESIDENT JOHN
W DIXON (WHO IS NOT MENTIONED IN HERALD TRIBUNE ARTICLE)
IS COMING TO SWITZERLAND AT END OF FEBRUARY TO PROMOTE
SALES OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT TO SWISS MILITARY. AS PART
OF PROMOTION, HE IS GIVING DINNER ON FEB 28 IN BERN FOR
GROSSENBACHER AND OTHER HIGH SWISS DEFENSE OFFICIALS,
AND HAS INVITED AMB AND DEFENSE ATTACHE. HE HAS
ALSO ASKED FOR OFFICE APPOINTMENT WITH AMB.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO THE DEPT MAY
BE ABLE TO PROVIDE, IN PARTICULAR:

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A) IF MR DIXON'S NAMES AS SUCH HAS APPEARED
IN SEC INVESTIGATION.

B) SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH SEC REGARDS THIS CASE.

4. AMONT OTHER QUESTIONS, WE SHALL HAVE TO CONSIDER
WHETHER, AS A COURTESY, WE SHOULD DISCREETLY MAKE SURE

THAT SWISS ARE AWARE OF PRESS ATTENTION AND PUBLIC
ALLEGATIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE DO NOT WISH TO TAKE
ACTION WHICH MIGHT REDOUND TO THE DISINTEREST OF ALL
LEGITIMATE US FIRMSIF THERE IS NO REASON FOR DOING SO.
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